Amendment to the Abstract of the Disclosure

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 89, line 2, as follows.

In an electrophotographic image process, a latent image is formed on a photosensitive drum, and a toner image is formed on the latent image. The toner image is temporarily transferred onto an intermediate image-transfer ~~member (medium)~~ element. The photosensitive drum and the intermediate image-transfer ~~member (medium)~~ element are brought into contact at an intended contact pressure and are rotated at ~~an~~ a prescribed relative speed. At the contact portion, fine vibrations of the photosensitive drum and the intermediate image-transfer ~~member (medium)~~ element, which can be caused by repeated contact and separation are prevented by controlling the contact temperature between the photosensitive member and the intermediate image-transfer ~~member (medium)~~ element to be in the range of 15 to 60° C. A kinetic frictional deviation (a standard deviation of a kinetic frictional force) is controlled to be less than the average value of the kinetic frictional force. By suppressing the fine vibration, deviation in image transfer is prevented. In addition, toner melt adhesion and foreign matter deposition is prevented, whereby image blurring is prevented.

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